

STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

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CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

JOSEPH M. KING.....President
GEORGE G. REINLE.....President-Elect
EMMA W. POPE.....Secretary-Treasurer

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Next Council Meeting.—The date of the next meeting of the Council has been set for January 21. The meeting will be held in the offices of the Association, 2004 Four Fifty Sutter Street, San Francisco.

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Clinical and Research Prize Contest.—The customary clinical and research prize contest has been authorized, and the usual prize award will be made to the successful contestants at the annual session of the California Medical Association, to be held at Del Monte, April 24-27, 1933.

Any member interested in the rules governing this contest may secure copy of same by application to the state office, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The November meeting of the Contra Costa County Medical Society was held Tuesday evening, November 15, at the nurses' home of the County Hospital, Martinez.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. S. N. Weil of Rodeo, at 8:50 o'clock.

The application for membership of Dr. John G. Crafts of Brentwood was presented. Motion that he be accepted was made by Dr. William Rowell, seconded by Doctor Sweetser, and passed unanimously by the society.

Numerous communications were presented by the secretary, brought to the attention of the members, and placed on file. The report of the Committee on Public Relations of the California Medical Association, relative to proposed means of handling the health insurance problem, was read in full by Doctor Weil. This subject ushered in a lengthy and animated discussion by the various members, bearing evidence of how important a subject this is and how interested the members are. Doctor Weil asked everyone to consider it deeply, and stated that it would be introduced again for further discussion, with recommendations from the members at that time.

Doctor Weil asked whether it was the wish of the members that we follow the custom of past years and have a party for the December meeting. All seemed in favor, as the unanimous vote to that effect on the motion made by Doctor McCullough, seconded by Doctor Ford proved. Doctor Weil appointed the following committee to arrange for the social meeting: Doctors Harry Ford (chairman), Kaho Daily, and Stauffer.

The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were read by the secretary. Dr. U. S. Abbott made a motion that they be accepted and a vote of thanks be accorded the secretary for her work of the past year. The motion was seconded by Doctor McCullough, and carried.

Apropos of the report of the Committee on Public Relations a motion was made, seconded, and carried that the secretary write the California Medical Association for any further information which they might have on the subject.

A motion-picture film on "Spinal Anesthesia" was shown by Doctor Fitzpatrick, who very kindly brought his projector for that purpose. The film was supplied by the Metz Company. This was an excellent demonstration of the technique of spinal anesthesia.

After election of officers for 1933 the meeting adjourned at ten o'clock. The following were elected to office unanimously: President, L. H. Fraser of Richmond; vice-president, M. L. Stauffer of Pittsburg; secretary-treasurer, Clara H. Spalding of Richmond; censor, Harry Ford of Richmond; delegate, U. S. Abbott of Richmond; and alternate, S. N. Weil of Rodeo.

Nineteen members attended the meeting: Doctors Weil, J. B. Spalding, Marks, Sweetser, U. S. Abbott, Stauffer, Edmeads, William Powell, Ford, Cunningham, Daily, Church, Rowell, Leggo, McCullough, Beard, Fitzpatrick, Morken, and Clara Spalding.

CLARA H. SPALDING, *Secretary*.

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MARIN COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Marin County Medical Society was held on September 22 at the regular meeting place, the City Hall in San Rafael.

Dr. Frank W. Lowe of San Francisco talked on *Fractures, With Special Reference to Those of the Femur, Shoulder, and Elbow*. This paper was illustrated with a large number of lantern slides and several reels of motion pictures. About twenty members attended this meeting.

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On October 27 the regular meeting of the Marin County Medical Society was held in the City Hall in San Rafael. About twenty members were in attendance. The guest speaker of the evening was Dr. Henry A. Stephenson of San Francisco, who spoke on *Bleeding in Obstetrical Cases*. General discussion followed. The papers by Doctor Lowe and Doctor Stephenson were among the most interesting papers we have had this year.

The annual meeting, held on December 1, was a business meeting, with nomination of officers for the coming year. Dr. Walter M. Dickie, director of the Department of Public Relations of the California Medical Association, spoke on *Medical Economics and the Health Insurance Plan*.

L. L. ROBINSON, *Secretary*.

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ORANGE COUNTY

Members of the Orange County Medical Association held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 1, in the staff room of St. Joseph Hospital of Orange. Dr. J. L. Maroon, president, called the meeting to order promptly at eight o'clock with approximately sixty members and guests present.

A short report was made by the chairman of the Committee on Executive Legislation. Several letters of interest were read by the secretary, including communications from the secretary of the Industrial Accident Section of the Los Angeles County Medical Association concerning x-ray fee schedules; the Orange Belt Funeral Directors' Association; a medical study of the State Committee on Public Relations, as adopted by the Council of the California Medical As-

sociation at its meeting held in Los Angeles on September 24, 1932; copies of form notices approved by the Council for the explanation that x-ray films are the property of the physician and that the fee paid by the patient is for diagnosis only; and copies of a resolution of the board of trustees of the Barlow Medical Library Association proposing transfer of that library to the Los Angeles County Medical Association. After some discussion it was moved by Doctor Johnston and seconded by Doctor Burlew that the Orange County Medical Association confirm this action. Motion was unanimously carried.

A proposal for a monthly publication of the *Bulletin of the Orange County Medical Association* was made, and after detailed discussion by many members it was moved by Wallace and seconded by Curtiss that the bulletin be continued provided that there will be no expense to the association. This was unanimously carried.

It was moved by Johnston, seconded by Wallace, that the society ask the supervisors to provide a survey of all health organizations within the county, such survey to be made by a United States Government expert without expense to the medical society. Motion was unanimously passed.

The first reading on the application of Dr. Florence A. Brown for membership on a transfer from Fresno County was heard.

The scientific program of the evening consisted of a symposium on heart disease, with Dr. Milo K. Tedstrom as chairman. The papers as given on this subject were extremely interesting, and were presented in a clear-cut and practical manner, and were all illustrated by lantern slides. They were as follows: *Heart Disease—Its Present Status in the United States* by John C. Ruddock of Los Angeles; *Rheumatic Heart Disease* by R. Manning Clarke of Los Angeles; *Common Cardiac Arrhythmias, Their Recognition and Significance* by Richmond Ware of Los Angeles.

Following presentation of this program the meeting adjourned and a buffet lunch was served.

HARRY G. HUFFMAN, *Secretary*.

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PLACER COUNTY

The annual meeting of the Placer County Medical Society was held in the schoolroom of the children's building at the Weimar Sanatorium, Weimar, Saturday evening, November 5, President Robert H. Eveleth, presiding.

There were present the following members and visitors:

Members—W. M. Miller, C. C. Briner, Monica Stoy Briner, Richard O. Schofield, D. M. Kindopp, L. B. Barnes, Robert A. Peers, Mildred E. Thoren, Paul D. Barnes, J. Gordon Mackay, and Max Dunievit.

Visitors—Doctors Radford, Crossen, Atkinson, Flatley, and Gerke of Weimar; Doctor Vinks of Lincoln; Doctors McCullough, Hale, Pulford, Wolford, Kanner, Cook, Bell, Beach, and McNeil of Sacramento; and Mr. Thoren of Weimar.

The following applications for membership were read: Doctors Adrian F. Crossen, Michael F. Flatley and Dr. Edward B. Radford of Weimar. The secretary stated that they had been reported on favorably by the secretary of the California Medical Association. They were, on motion duly made and seconded, unanimously elected to membership. The secretary also reported the application for membership of Dr. Ray C. Atkinson, whose application had also been approved by the secretary of the California Medical Association. Doctor Atkinson not having resided in the county six months, the consideration of his application was delayed until the January meeting.

Resolutions on the death of the late Doctor Durand, past president of the Placer County Medical Society, were presented by Dr. Mildred E. Thoren and read by the secretary. On motion, duly seconded, the resolutions were adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes and a copy sent to Mrs. Durand.

This being the annual meeting, following the disposal of routine business the election of officers for

1933 was held, resulting in the following elections: President, L. B. Barnes of Newcastle; vice-president, Richard O. Schofield of Hobart Mills; secretary-treasurer, Robert A. Peers, Colfax; delegate to state society, William M. Miller of Auburn; alternate, C. E. Lewis of Auburn.

The dues for 1933 were set at \$12.50 instead of \$11.50 as formerly. The increase was made in order to provide funds for an increased number of meetings. With an increased number of meetings, it is hoped that members of the county unit will present papers and case reports in addition to the literary program provided by outside speakers.

There being no further business President Barnes called upon Dr. D. Schuyler Pulford of Sacramento, who addressed the society on *Newer Developments, Diagnosis and Treatment of Cancer*. In emphasizing some of the newer developments in the diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of cancer, Doctor Pulford called attention to the increasing frequency of the recognition of cancer and deaths from cancer and that people were coming with very early lesions so that today from 10 to 50 per cent were being cured. The organization and program of the California State Cancer Commission were outlined.

The initial policy started in 1931 as follows:

1. To conduct a comprehensive survey of the field of cancer to determine for the various types of cancer the best accepted minimum requirements for diagnosis and treatment.

2. To collect and make this data available to every doctor in the state.

Reports from several committees were already reported and published in *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE*, where notes on the activities of the California State Cancer Commission are being published each month.

All doctors were urged to read these reports in the *JOURNAL*. It was recommended that each county society and hospital subscribe to the *American Journal of Cancer*, where abstracts of the world's literature on cancer were published, as well as many original articles. Four or five volumes of this journal are being put out each year for the nominal charge of \$5.

It was not thought advisable to start a drive to further educate the public to bring their cancers to the doctors earlier until the doctors themselves were better educated as to the best present methods known in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. It should be borne in mind that the above two additional programs were aimed to shorten the time from the patient's appearance at a doctor's office until the best diagnostic and therapeutic procedures are started.

From the standpoint of tissue pathology as an aid in better diagnosis and treatment and as a possible aid to estimating prognosis, a plea was made for more biopsies and operating room fresh tissue examination. This fresh tissue work is necessary first, to decide if the suspected lesion is really malignant, and second, to help outline treatment after the tumor's grade of malignancy is known, correlating this with the other important clinical findings before completing the operation or outlining a course of further treatment, and finally as one aid in estimating prognosis.

Fresh tissue examinations during operations save many needless mutilating operations and prevent many deaths by showing the necessity of an immediate radical operation in curable, early malignancies when delay might mean spread of the disease to an incurable stage.

A series of lantern slides were shown to illustrate these points, with special emphasis on the degree of cellular differentiation as an index to a grade of malignancy of tumors.

Doctor Pulford's address was discussed by Doctors Orrin Cook, Wolford, Kanner, Bell and Hale of Sacramento, and Doctors Peers and L. B. Barnes of Placer County.

Following the close of the discussion, refreshments were served by Doctor Thoren and members of her staff.

ROBERT A. PEERS, *Secretary*.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

The officers for 1933 were elected at the meeting on November 8. Dr. C. L. Stealy was elected president and Dr. Ross Carter, vice-president. The secretary, Dr. William H. Geistweit, Jr., and the treasurer, Dr. Hal G. Holder were reelected.

The program at this meeting was in charge of the City and County Health Department. Representatives of each of the bureaus in the department discussed the work of the bureau and the relation of their work to the medical profession. The speakers were: Mr. G. C. Zuckweiler, chief sanitarian; Mrs. E. S. Dunlop of the nursing division; Dr. H. F. Roberts, meat inspector; Dr. F. J. Bolender, dairy inspector; and Mr. J. C. Baker, food inspector. Dr. Olive B. Cordua, director of the Division of Child Hygiene, presented the results of an extensive investigation on comparative rates on Mexican infant and maternal mortality in Diego County. Mr. George Sieverling, secretary of the health department, discussed immunization for diphtheria and smallpox, demonstrating the rapid and efficient control of these two diseases in the city and county. Dr. Alex Lesem, city and county health officer, had charge of the meeting. This interesting presentation was a part of the continued policy of the health officer to establish complete understanding and coöperation between the medical profession and the health department in this city and county.

The San Diego Academy of Medicine held their fall meeting on November 3 and 4, and presented Dr. Hans Lissner as their guest speaker. His subjects were: *The Present Status of Organotherapy and The Diagnosis and Treatment of the Clinical Syndrome Produced by Excessive or Deficient Secretion from the Suprarenal Medulla and Cortex.*

The academy announces that on December 6 Dr. Frank Lahey of Boston will speak on *Some Phases of Thyroid Surgery* and that Dr. E. D. Plass of the University of Iowa will lecture on *The Toxemias of Pregnancy* on December 8 and 9.

At the October meeting of the San Diego County Medical Society, Dr. Verne C. Hunt of Los Angeles spoke on *Recurrent Peptic Ulcer*. This was one of the best attended meetings and one of the most valuable discussions of the year.

The annual medical economics meeting will be held on December 13. The program will include Doctor Lesem on the *Responsibility of the Private Physician in Immunization*; Doctor Holder, *Part-Pay Clinics and Centralized Social Service*; Doctor St. Sure, *The Official Physicians' Directory*; Doctor Kinney, *Recent Development of Health Insurance*; and Doctor Stealy, *The Relation of Police Ambulance Service to the Private Physician.*

LYELL C. KINNEY.



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The stated meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held on Thursday evening, October 6, at 8:30 o'clock in the Medico-Dental clubrooms, 242 North Sutter Street, Stockton. The meeting was called to order by President George H. Sanderson.

Doctor Sippy of the San Joaquin County local health district reported to the City Council the proposal that the requirements for the sale of cream in Stockton be on the same basis as those for the sale of milk, that is, that cream be produced from tuberculin-tested cows.

It was moved by Dr. B. J. Powell and seconded by Dr. S. W. R. Langdon that the board of directors meet to prepare a resolution to endorse the cream inspection ordinance. Duly carried.

Dr. Dewey R. Powell gave a clear exposition of the purposes of the local Merchant's Alliance and the reasons for supporting it.

In connection with the convention of the Northern District Medical Association it was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to provide entertainment for visiting members and to secure necessary funds for such entertainment. President Sanderson

named Doctors Barnes, B. J. Powell, Dozier, and Dewey Powell as that committee.

Doctor Chapman reported on the progress of a movement to establish a local hospital association. In view of the desirability of such an association, Doctor Kaplan, seconded by Dr. Barton Powell, moved that a committee be appointed to arrange for a joint special meeting of the medical society and the dental society to consider the question. Carried. President Sanderson appointed Doctors Chapman, Kaplan, and Gallegos.

Resolutions of respect to the families of our deceased members, Dr. E. A. Arthur and Dr. H. H. Hammond, were authorized and referred to the standing Committee on History and Obituaries.

There being no further business the scientific program, a symposium on syphilis, was taken up.

The first paper, *Visceral and Systemic Syphilis*, was read by Dr. Gordon E. Hein of the University of California.

Doctor Hein made a very interesting report on thirty-six patients who had died with a known diagnosis of syphilis. He especially emphasized the many cases which at autopsy show lesions of syphilis that have never been diagnosed because they have been overshadowed by other diseased conditions. Often the syphilitic disease is not the cause of death.

He advocated more frequent treatment of syphilis with the older methods, such as inunctions of mercury rather than by constant use of salvarsen or its modification. Treatment should aim at control of the disease rather than sterilization.

Chemotherapy of Syphilis was the title of the paper read by Dr. Chauncey D. Leake. He said that the intensive treatment of syphilis is hazardous and must be weighed against the comparative danger to the patient from the disease itself. He urged that diagnosis be based on the patient's whole picture rather than on the one laboratory test as to whether a Wassermann is negative or positive.

The judicious treatment with potassium iodid and with mercury inunctions to control the symptoms was strongly urged. Doctor Leake said that it is impossible to sterilize a syphilitic individual by intensive treatment. Rather it is important to promote better bodily reaction to the disease. Seek control by clinical symptoms rather than by Wassermann reaction.

Dr. L. Taussig read a paper on *Cutaneous Manifestations of Syphilis*. He emphasized the importance of the skin signs in these patients. Most cases of syphilis are first diagnosed by these signs and, consequently, are handled by the skin specialists.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

C. A. BROADDUS, Secretary.



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held Monday evening, November 14, with Doctor Koefod presiding.

Dr. H. Eder presented a paper on *Preventorium Care*, which was discussed by Dr. Rodney Atsatt.

President Koefod introduced Dr. Chauncey Leake, professor of pharmacology, University of California, who gave a most fascinating and interesting talk on *Recent Advances in Pharmacology, with Special Reference to Central Nervous System Depressants.*

The paper was discussed and questions asked by Doctors Brown, Thorner, Geyman, Pierce, Nuzum, Wills, Hunt, Koefod, Wilcox, and Shelton.

The meeting then went into executive session.

A communication from Edyth Tate Thompson, addressed to the president, on the tuberculosis situation in Santa Barbara was read, and upon a motion of Doctor Freidell, seconded by Doctor Wilcox, the president was to appoint a committee of five to investigate.

WILLIAM H. EATON, Secretary.

SOLANO COUNTY

On October 28 at the Casa de Vallejo Hotel at Vallejo, Doctors W. W. Boardman and P. K. Gilman of San Francisco addressed the Solano County Medical Society on the following subject: *The Acute Abdomen*. The splendid program was enjoyed by all those present, including physicians from the surrounding counties, and also by medical officers from the United States Naval Hospital, Mare Island.

A dinner preceded the session.

EDWARD F. MULLALY, *Secretary*.

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SONOMA COUNTY

The Sonoma County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting on November 10 at the Occidental Hotel, Santa Rosa, and after transacting routine business the secretary gave a report of the meeting of the Committee on Public Relations held in San Francisco.

The following officers were elected for the year 1933: President, Mark L. Lewis of Petaluma; vice-president, Ernest Vieira of Sebastopol; treasurer, C. M. Carlson of Santa Rosa; secretary, W. C. Shipley of Santa Rosa.

Dr. Chester Marsh was reelected to the Board of Censors to serve until December, 1935.

Dr. J. Leslie Spear, the retiring president, was elected delegate to the state society, and Dr. J. W. Seawell of Healdsburg was elected alternate.

The newly elected president, Dr. M. L. Lewis, will make announcement of committee appointments at the December meeting.

The application for membership of Dr. Leon Lewis of Eldridge was accepted and he was elected to membership.

W. C. SHIPLEY, *Secretary*.

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TULARE COUNTY

The first meeting of the fall term, held on October 23, was preceded by a dinner at Motley's Café in Visalia.

The meeting was called to order by Doctor Weiss in the absence of the president, Doctor Ginsburg.

Doctor Zumwalt reported the transactions of the Medical Milk Commission, which has cooperated with the Rocky Hill dairy in Exeter in the establishment of a certified dairy. The dairy is actively producing and distributing certified milk, and the members of the Tulare County Medical Society are urged to visit this ideal milk plant. The members of the Medical Milk Commission are Doctors Zumwalt (chairman), Fowler, Weiss; Dr. W. L. Edwards, veterinarian; and Mr. Robert Stanford, laboratory clinician.

Dr. Norman N. Epstein, dermatologist from San Francisco, was the guest speaker of the evening. He presented a formal paper on the subject of the fever treatment of central nervous system syphilis. This related to some recent personal research work with diathermy as the thermal agent, and was illustrated with slides.

Doctor Epstein very generously discussed the problems involved in the treatment of syphilis in his clinic, ably outlining the actual practical therapeutic measures with an evaluation of the drugs utilized. The entire program met with hearty response, and a unanimous vote of thanks was extended Doctor Epstein.

The following members were in attendance: Doctors Ginsburg, Weiss, Zumwalt, Hicks, Furness, Seiberth, Guido, Tourtillot, Kohn, Preston, Fowler, Goesbeck, E. C. Bond, Betts, and Brigham. Doctors Fillmore, Watke, Bridgman, Mitchell and Miller were present as guests of the society.

KARL F. WEISS, *Secretary*.

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YUBA-SUTTER COUNTIES

The Yuba-Sutter County Medical Society met on November 8, with a full attendance.

The following amendment was made to the Constitution and By-Laws:

That the date of the regular annual meeting be changed from the second Tuesday in May of each year to the second Tuesday or the last meeting in December of each year that the election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held at this meeting and that such new officers as are elected shall assume their duties in the following January.

This change in the constitution was made by a unanimous vote of the members present and will go into effect with the end of this year.

The following motion was made and unanimously carried:

That any member of this society who has been a continuous member for forty years or over shall become an honorary member with all the privileges of an active member, but shall not be held accountable for any more dues. This motion was carried without a dissenting vote.

Dr. Fred H. Kruse gave the society a talk on *Functional Disturbances of the Colon*, which was illustrated by lantern slides. This was greatly appreciated by the society, and a vote of thanks was extended to Doctor Kruse.

F. W. DIER, *Secretary*.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members (7)

Los Angeles County.—Helen Green Bulpitt, Paul Adams Bulpitt, Frederick George Gruber, J. Edward Miller.

San Diego County.—Joseph Jerome O'Hara.

San Francisco County.—Fred Carl Schreiber, Ralph Edwin Scovel.

Transfers (12)

Lloyd C. Austin, from Sacramento to Santa Clara County.

Henry C. Barron, from Los Angeles to San Diego.

Salvatore Cieri, from San Francisco to Alameda County.

Ruggles A. Cushman, from Orange to Mendocino County.

William L. Denton, from Kern to San Bernardino County.

Lucas W. Empey, from Santa Clara to Placer County.

F. Edwyn Garfinkle, from Marin to San Francisco.

Robert L. Hamilton, from Tuolumne to Yuba-Sutter County.

Wrenshall A. Oliver, from San Francisco to San Mateo.

Archie M. Roberts, from San Francisco to Los Angeles County.

Lorenz W. Ruddy, from San Francisco to Sacramento County.

B. H. Wardrip, from Lassen-Plumas to Santa Clara County.

In Memoriam

Clark, William Amie. Died in Rochester, October 27, 1932, age 61 years. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1892. Licensed in California, 1893. Doctor Clark was a member of the Alameda County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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Kern, William B. Died in Los Angeles, October 14, 1932, age 65 years. Graduate of Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, 1887, and St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1900. Licensed in California, 1893. Doctor Kern was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Voisard, Francis Xavier. Died in Sacramento, November 5, 1932. Graduate of University of Montreal Faculty of Medicine, Quebec, 1891. Licensed in California, 1891. Doctor Voisard was a member of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

OBITUARIES

William A. Clark

1871-1932

Dr. William A. Clark died on October 27, 1932, at Rochester, Minnesota, after a gallant fight for his life, following a partial gastrectomy for carcinoma of the stomach. He was born in Michigan sixty-one years ago, but he has lived over fifty years in California.

Doctor Clark graduated from Cooper Medical College in 1892, and after a year as ship physician on steamers to the Orient was appointed medical director of the Alameda County Hospital, which office he held for seventeen years. When Doctor Clark took charge of the hospital it was a place of horror, but his skillful administration soon brought the institution recognition throughout the West for thorough scientific hospital practice.

In 1910 Doctor Clark entered the private practice of medicine and surgery. Here he displaced a rare keenness of judgment, versatility of skill, and tireless devotion to the welfare of his patients. He was for a time consultant and later chief of the gynecological staff of the Samuel Merritt Hospital in Oakland. He was a member of the American College of Surgeons, the California Academy of Medicine, the Alameda County Medical Society, and the state and national associations. He was a Master Mason and Past Master of Mount Eden Lodge.

Apart from Doctor Clark's earnest devotion to the practice of his profession, his hobbies were color photography and the rendition of good music, especially on the pipe organ. He earned a nation-wide reputation for his autochromes, having compiled a library covering most of the national parks of the United States. His work was recognized by the National Park Service and the National Geographic Society to the extent that in 1930 he was invited to join a party including members of both organizations and of the Congress of the United States to visit and study the everglades of Florida, with a view of creating a new national park.

His musical library covered the best of operatic and classical compositions, and his pipe organ has been considered one of the finest household instruments in the country.

With the passing of Doctor Clark the medical profession of Alameda County and the State of California mourns the loss of a great physician, a most kindly and humanitarian spirit, whose helpfulness, particularly to the younger man in medicine, has long been recognized.

He is survived by two children—a son, Walter H. Clark of Oakland, and a daughter, Mrs. L. J. Thayer of Wakefield, Massachusetts.

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Susan J. Fenton

1847-1932

Dr. Susan J. Fenton, one of our retired members and a pioneer woman in the field of medicine, died at the age of eighty-five on October 26, after practicing medicine for forty-three years. In addition to the prominent part she played as a physician, she was an outstanding figure in philanthropic work in the East Bay for more than a quarter of a century. The Susan Fenton Home of the Associated Charities, of which she was one of the founders, was named in her

honor. She was born in Pennsylvania and came to California in 1874. She was a graduate of the Hahnemann Medical College of the Pacific in 1889 and later came to the East Bay, where she practiced for thirty-six years, during five of which she was resident physician at Fabiola Hospital.

Doctor Fenton has been connected with the Associated Charities since 1906 and she played a leading rôle in its development, serving as president for five years and retiring from that office in 1921 to become a member of the board of directors, in which capacity she was active up until the time of her death. She also took an active part in the work at the East Oakland Girls' Rescue Home and was also a member of the board of directors of this institution at the time of her death. At some time or other during her life Doctor Fenton has been a member of the board of directors in the majority of charitable organizations in the city of Oakland.

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Burt S. Stevens

1874-1932

WHEREAS, Burt S. Stevens, a physician of worth, note and character, recently passed to the Great Beyond; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burt S. Stevens was known as a philanthropist of outstanding note; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burt S. Stevens, a member of the California State Board of Medical Examiners for the past year, by his magnetic personality and consideration, endeared himself into the hearts of the members of the board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the name of Dr. Burt S. Stevens be inscribed in the records of the California Board of Medical Examiners as having served his state and profession in a noble manner, and that this resolution be so recorded; and be it further

Resolved, In acknowledgment of our great loss that the heartfelt sympathy of the members of this board be extended to his bereaved widow, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to her; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the official journal of the California State Medical Association; and be it further

Resolved, That when this meeting adjourns, it shall do so in memory of his passing.*

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION†

Official Notices

Mrs. James F. Percy Succeeds Mrs. Walter Jackson Freeman to Presidency of National Auxiliary.—It was with sorrow that the auxiliary to the California Medical Association learned of the death on October 27 of the national president, Mrs. Walter Jackson Freeman.

Few women have given so unselfishly of themselves to any cause as Mrs. Freeman gave to the auxiliary. She was a woman of highest ideals, and was especially qualified for the honor bestowed upon her.

* Resolution passed by the Board of Medical Examiners, assembled in regular session, October 17, 1932.

† As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Clifford A. Wright, chairman of the Publicity and Publications Committee, 454 South Irving Boulevard, Los Angeles. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Wright and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the editors to allocate one page in every issue for Woman's Auxiliary notes.

She has woven into our fabric of service a somber background of courage, made beautiful by golden threads of practical idealism and rosy tints of great vision.

As first vice-president of the national auxiliary, Mrs. James F. Percy of Los Angeles succeeds Mrs. Freeman.

Mrs. Percy is a past president of the auxiliary to the California Medical Association, also a past president of the auxiliary to the Los Angeles County Medical Association. She has been a member of the national board for the past three years, and has played an important part in the organization of the western states. We are proud of her accomplishments, and pledge to her our loyal support.

County Auxiliaries

Alameda County.—The members of the Woman's Auxiliary of Alameda County were hostesses to their husbands at a dinner party held on October 19 at the Woman's Athletic Club, Oakland. It was a very delightful affair, with about 170 in attendance. Mrs. Dorothy Dukes Dimm, a noted cellist, daughter of President-elect Mrs. Charles A. Dukes, favored the group with several cello selections. Mr. Kenneth Spencer, colored baritone, was the soloist for the evening. Mrs. Don D. Weaver, a member of the auxiliary, gave two original humorous readings, which delighted all. The doctors were surprised to see their own pictures, taken during babyhood days, thrown on the screen. This was the first gathering of its kind that the auxiliary has sponsored, and they plan that it shall be an annual affair.

Los Angeles County.—The Los Angeles County Medical Auxiliary met on Thursday, October 20, in Severance Hall at the Friday Morning Club, Mrs. Philip Schuyler Doane presiding. Stanley K. Cochems was the speaker of the afternoon, discussing the problem of giving publicity to professional men, yet keeping it within the medical ethics and without the appearance of advertising. Miss Helen Wilcox, executive secretary of the Washington State Public Health League, spoke on the twelve years' work of the organization in overcoming cults. Mrs. John V. Barrow gave a five-minute talk on current events in medicine. The Nominating Committee reported the following ticket to be voted on in December: President, Mrs. A. Bennette Cooke; first vice-president, Mrs. Paul A. Quaintance, Los Angeles; second vice-president, Mrs. James E. Houloose, Long Beach; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. P. O. Sundin, Los Angeles; directors, Mrs. A. Brockway of Los Angeles and Mrs. Harry J. Wiley of Huntington Park.

Tea was served, with Mrs. E. P. Smart of San Fernando and Mrs. Henry Judson and Mrs. E. J. Morrison of Santa Monica serving as hostesses.

Orange County.—On November 1, instead of the regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Orange County Medical Association, the members made a very interesting trip to the Pacific Colony at Spadra. Doctor Cutter took the members on a tour of inspection of the workshops and wards. The buildings were immaculate and the grounds beautifully kept. The hospital is a well-kept unit of the institution. Later Dr. and Mrs. Cutter served tea in their home.

Riverside County.—Organization of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Riverside County Medical Society took place on Monday evening at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. A. W. Walker on Rubidoux Drive, twenty-six women being present for the meeting. The purpose of the auxiliary is primarily to provide a means of fellowship and cooperative endeavor for women members of physicians' families.

Membership in the local auxiliary, which is also to be affiliated with the state and national auxiliaries, is open to all women whose husbands are members of the Riverside County Medical Society. The auxiliary plans to hold monthly meetings.

Officers elected at the opening meeting of the auxiliary follow:

President, Mrs. A. W. Walker; first vice-president, Mrs. Allen Bramkamp; second vice-president, Mrs. Jesse N. Roe; recording secretary, Mrs. G. W. Coon; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Hervey N. Faris; treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Geith. Directors were chosen as follows: Mrs. Gray of Indio, Mrs. Clark of Hemet, Mrs. R. R. Root of Corona, Mrs. West of Beaumont, Mrs. Wickman of Perris, and Mrs. W. E. Gardner of Riverside.

At the close of the business session refreshments were served by Mrs. Walker, assisted by Mrs. Bon O. Adams and Mrs. C. R. Geith, who were co-hostesses for the occasion.

Sacramento County.—"The Relation of the Hospital to the Public" was the subject of a talk which Mr. R. D. Brisbane, superintendent of the Sutter Hospital, gave at the November meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement. The meeting was held at the Tuesday Clubhouse.

Mrs. Eugene Pitts, chairman of Social Welfare Agencies, announced plans to sew for the Red Cross. The members will meet at the nurses' home of the Sacramento Hospital on November 17 from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. to make garments for the needy.

The next meeting will be a dinner dance on December 17 at the Del Paso Country Club to which the husbands of the members will be guests. Mrs. F. N. Scatena, president, has named Mrs. J. Howard Hall as general chairman for this occasion.

San Diego County.—Mrs. F. E. Coulter, president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association, honored the Woman's Auxiliary to the San Diego County Medical Society with a visit at the regular meeting, November 8. A large and enthusiastic group was assembled for tea at the home of Mrs. Elliott G. Colby.

Following the presentation of a group of delightful musical numbers, the president, Mrs. Charles Howard, introduced Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Currey, and Mrs. Yeagle. The state greetings presented by Mrs. Coulter were of such nature as to be very instructive and inspirational. The value of the Public Relations Committee were stressed. Attention was called to the value of much publicity and to the preservation of material for future reference in a scrap book.

Enthusiasm for auxiliary work of a larger scope was obtained by each member from this personal contact. It is hoped that an opportunity of this type will be presented to the San Diego Auxiliary often.

Annual Meeting of Los Angeles County Auxiliary.—The annual meeting of the Los Angeles County Auxiliary will be held on December 15 at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. This is to be a luncheon. Special guests of honor will be Dr. Joseph M. King and Dr. William R. Moloney. Other guests of honor are: Mrs. James F. Percy, the new president of the national organization; Mrs. Philip Schuyler Doane, who is finishing her term of office; Mrs. A. Bennette Cooke, the president-elect; the state officers and county auxiliary presidents. Mrs. O. E. Ghrist is arranging a musical program to be given by Lone Star and Zaruchi Elmassian, with Mrs. Ghrist accompanying. This is the outstanding meeting of the year.

NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

O. HOVENDEN, McGill President
 D. A. SMITH, Mina President-Elect
 J. N. VAN METER, Las Vegas First Vice-President
 FLEET H. HARRISON, Minden Second Vice-President
 HORACE J. BROWN Secretary

TRANSACTIONS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

First Day's Meetings

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Nevada State Medical Association was called to order in Bower's Mansion, Reno, September 23, at 10 a. m. by the president, A. C. Olmsted. The president gave his address, which consisted of a hearty welcome to all those in attendance.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The scientific program was then taken up and was as follows:

Miley B. Wesson, M. D., San Francisco, read a very interesting paper on *Infection in the Genito-Urinary Tract*. Discussion by J. P. Tuttle, R. A. Bowdle, Horace J. Brown, M. A. Robison, and Miley B. Wesson. Discussion closed by Miley B. Wesson.

J. P. Tuttle, M. D., Reno, read a paper on *Prostatitis and Referred Pain*. Discussion by Miley B. Wesson, B. H. Caples, James T. Watkins, J. N. Van Meter, and J. P. Tuttle. Discussion closed by J. P. Tuttle.

Thomas W. Bath, Reno, read the *Report of the Military Affairs Committee*. Discussion by C. E. Secor, C. A. Dukes, O. Hovenden, E. J. Hund, and D. A. Turner.

(This report is printed as one of the special articles in this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.)

This completed the scientific session for the day.

BUSINESS SESSION

After a short recess the president called the members to order.

The president called for the *reading of the minutes* of the last annual meeting, which were read and approved.

The *Report of the Delegate to the American Medical Association* was read and approved.

The *Report of the Membership Committee* proposed the names of the following Nevada physicians: G. R. Fortson, Susanville, California; A. W. MacPherson, Sparks; M. Ruth Smernoff, Nevada; J. E. Tillotson, Ely; Dwight Hood, E. J. Hund, J. T. Tuttle, Arden Kimmel, J. Williams, of Reno.

They were elected unanimously. The Membership Committee also reported that Dr. I. S. Egan of Reno had resigned as a member of the association. His resignation was unanimously accepted.

R. A. Bowdle made a short talk in which he stressed the importance of prospective legislation in relation to the medical profession. Thomas W. Bath, J. L. Robinson, E. E. Hamer, and G. R. Smith spoke on the same subject.

M. A. Robison moved that the *Judiciary Committee* be empowered to spend such money as we can afford for the employment of such help as may be needed in drawing of bills of any medical nature and other necessary expenses in order that they may properly present them to the next legislature. Motion seconded by Thomas W. Bath, and carried.

The *Report of the Necrology Committee* included the names of Doctors Dan Coll of Susanville, California; A. Huffaker of Carson City, and W. L. Samuels of Reno. The committee was instructed to draft resolutions for incorporation into the minutes. Copies to be sent to the families of the deceased.

E. E. Hamer made the *Report of the Committee on Public Health and Education*.

Thomas W. Bath introduced the following *Resolution*: (See page 370 for Doctor Bath's full report.)

WHEREAS, There exists today in the United States a sufficiently large number of civilian hospitals capable of administering to all the surgical and medical needs of ex-veterans, either soldiers or nurses; and that

WHEREAS, The plan as contemplated by the Veterans' Bureau of continuing the building of hospitals will entail an enormous expense both for construction and maintenance, which expense we believe is unjustifiable and unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, The present method of hospitalization for soldiers and nurses cannot reach the thousands of acute cases that naturally must arise each year and which, under the circumstances, cannot be sent into the veterans' hospital, thereby placing the entire cost of hospitalization upon the sick or acutely disabled soldier or nurse; and

WHEREAS, If such moneys as are now being used were used with the directness of purpose toward aiding the medical or surgical needs of the sick or disabled veteran or nurse, if the same were applied to alleviate in his or her own community such needs as arise, the community as an integral part of the United States would be benefited and it is scarcely necessary to add that the well-being of the soldier and his family would be better attended to; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Nevada State Medical Society in convention here assembled do hereby protest against the present manner of aid rendered by the Veterans' Bureau to sick and disabled ex-soldiers and nurses, and do so for the reason that the same is far from covering the actual necessities in times of acute conditions and, therefore, fails in bringing direct medical or surgical service to the sick or disabled when most urgently needed; that we recommend to the Veterans' Bureau at Washington, to the American Hospital Association, to the American Medical Association the institution of the plan as outlined by the Abner Rude Post 481 of the American Legion of South St. Paul, Minnesota, or the plan as recommended by Dr. H. H. Shoulders of Nashville, Tennessee, as being more effective to minister to the veterans' needs and infinitely less costly to maintain.

Moved by Thomas W. Bath, seconded by John A. Fuller, that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President-elect, D. A. Smith of Mina; first vice-president, J. N. Van Meter of Las Vegas; second vice-president, Fleet H. Harrison of Minden; secretary-treasurer, Horace J. Brown of Reno; trustee for three years, D. A. Turner of Reno; alternate delegate to the American Medical Association for one year, E. E. Hamer of Carson City.

Place of Next Meeting.—J. N. Van Meter on behalf of the Clark County Medical Society invited the association to meet in Las Vegas in 1933. Fleet H. Harrison invited us to meet at Minden. C. E. Secor on behalf of the Elko County Society invited us to meet in Elko. Upon a standing vote being taken, Las Vegas was selected as the place for the next annual meeting.

Honorary Members.—On motion of D. A. Turner, seconded by R. A. Bowdle, the essayists who are not already honorary members were elected to such membership.

There being no further business to come before the association at this time, the meeting was adjourned until 9 a. m. September 24.

Second Day's Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a. m. by President Olmsted. The scientific program was continued.

James P. Kerby of Salt Lake City read a paper on *Intravenous Pyelography (Neo-iopax)*. Discussion by B. H. Caples, J. P. Tuttle, and Miley B. Wesson. Discussion closed by James P. Kerby.

Leo P. Bell of Woodland, California, read a paper on *The Results of Operative Procedure on Stomach and Duodenum for Cure of Gastric and Duodenal Ulcers*. Discussion by C. A. Dukes and E. L. Gilcreest. Discussion closed by Leo P. Bell.

Charles A. Dukes of Oakland, California, read a paper on *The Treatment of So-Called Inoperable or Incurable Cancers*. Discussion by Leo P. Bell, C. W. West, and A. R. Kilgore. Discussion closed by Charles A. Dukes.

James T. Watkins of San Francisco read a paper on *Fractures of Spine*. Discussion by Miley B. Wesson, R. R. Craig, E. L. Gilcreest, W. F. Holcomb, and R. O. Schofield. Discussion closed by James T. Watkins.

William D. Donohoe of Salt Lake City read a paper on *General Consideration of Sinus Diseases*. Discussion by J. L. Robinson, J. A. Fuller, E. L. Creveling, and R. S. Tillotson. Discussion closed by William D. Donohoe.

Fuller Bailey of Salt Lake City read a paper on *Functional Diseases of the Intestinal Tract*. Discussion by C. E. Piersall, E. L. Gilcreest, and Charles A. Dukes. Discussion closed by Fuller Bailey.

Edgar L. Gilcreest of San Francisco read a paper on *Undiagnosed Shoulder Lesions and Injuries Due to the Common Syndrome of Rupture, Luxation and Elongation of the Tendon of the Long Head of the Biceps*. Discussion by James T. Watkins, Leo P. Bell, Miley Wesson, and W. F. Holcomb. Discussion closed by Edgar L. Gilcreest.

M. A. Robison of Reno read a paper on *Anesthetics*. Discussion by G. R. Magee, H. W. Sawyer, and A. R. Da Costa. Discussion closed by M. A. Robison.

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Luncheon.—At the conclusion of the noonday lunch at which a number of the ladies were present, the subject of a Woman's Auxiliary was taken up. Charles A. Dukes spoke in favor of such an organization. At the conclusion of his remarks he assumed the position of temporary chairman and called for nominations for temporary officers. Mrs. Arthur J. Hood of Reno was elected temporary president and Mrs. Horace J. Brown of Reno was elected temporary secretary. The men then retired, leaving the ladies to complete the organization.

A. R. Kilgore of San Francisco spoke on the activities of the Cancer Commission of the California Medical Association. W. C. West, seconded by G. L. Servoss, moved that a committee of three be appointed to cooperate with the California Medical Association Commission. Motion carried. The chair announced that he would leave the appointment of this committee to his successor.

Introduction of President-Elect Hovenden.—President A. C. Olmsted introduced the president-elect, O. Hovenden of McGill, and turned over to him the gavel of authority.

Adjournment.—There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

HORACE J. BROWN, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

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Nevada Members in Attendance.—The following members were in attendance at various times during the meeting:

Horace J. Brown, R. A. Bowdle, H. Earl Belnap, Thomas W. Bath, B. H. Caples, Earle Creveling, R. R. Craig, Fleet H. Harrison, O. Hovenden, J. H. Hastings, A. J. Hood, W. H. Hood, E. E. Hamer, B. H. Harper, A. R. Da Costa, J. A. Fuller, Arden Kimmel, G. R. Magee, Harry W. Sawyer, Arthur Grover.

A. W. Macpherson, Francis J. Morley, A. Miniggio, S. K. Morrison, A. C. Olmsted, E. J. Hund, W. M. Edwards, M. A. Robison, J. L. Robinson, C. E. Piersall, Charles E. Secor, George R. Smith, George L. Servoss, D. A. Smith, J. J. Sullivan, D. A. Turner, J. P. Tuttle, R. S. Tillotson, J. N. Van Meter, C. W. West, M. R. Walker.

Honorary Members and Visitors in Attendance:

Leo P. Bell, W. B. Allen, A. R. Aiker, Fuller B. Bailey, Thomas E. Cooper, Ione M. Chase, Mrs. Etta D. Bishop, W. W. Dillard, Edgar L. Gilcreest, A. R. Kilgore, Kaspar Pischel, C. J. Sallome, W. W. Wiley, H. D. Way, Charles A. Dukes.

W. F. Holcomb, A. Hummel, R. M. Hare, E. Benjamin, C. Johnson, W. D. Donohoe, James P. Kerby, K. W. Kinard, K. E. Kathes, Walter Poling, D. B. Peters, Miley B. Wesson, James Watkins, Richard O. Schofield, R. St. Clair.

University Service to the Public.—Announcement has just been made through the *Journal of the American Medical Association* that two members of the University of California Medical School staff have devised a method of preventing blindness in certain cases which result from disease of the thyroid gland.

The men who have developed this latest contribution to humanity are Dr. Howard C. Naffziger, professor of surgery, and Dr. Ottiwell W. Jones, Jr., assistant professor of surgery. The treatment consists of a surgical correction of abnormal muscle changes in the eyes which are induced by trouble in the thyroid gland. This operation has proved so successful that patients who otherwise would certainly lose their sight are saved from blindness.

Dean Langley Porter of the Medical School states that this development is just one example of the contributions which the University makes each year toward the improvement of human welfare. He says, "We usually think of a university as solely an educational institution. Certainly it is primarily this, but in the practical fields of agriculture, engineering and medicine, particularly the importance of its contributions to knowledge through research and experiment, may far exceed the importance of its educational work."
—*University of California Clip Sheet*.

Vaccines in Clinical Medicine.—Keilty considers that the position of vaccines, theoretically, experimentally, and clinically, is today one of imbalance. There has been too much accomplished in the past to disregard them entirely, and a middle ground is an acceptable attitude. A vaccine is defined as a vaccinogenic solution having the power of producing specific antibodies *in vivo*. Vaccines prepared from a multiple flora are selected by the author exclusively on their quantitative appearance in culture and their allergic cutaneous reactions. Vaccines must start out with the study and isolation of specific etiologic organisms. They must be prepared in such a way that the vaccinogenic factor is as nearly unaltered as possible, but no solution should be used in which a viable organism has any chance of becoming virulent. The present trend in dosage is to start with small amounts, 0.1 cubic centimeter increased in 0.1 cubic centimeter stages and given every other day over a long period. Each individual case is an entity and for this reason the best results are obtained after experience. In the preparation of a vaccine, one should pay no attention to the bacterial count but make heavy suspensions and vary the dosage according to general reactions. The desirability of general reactions for immunity-producing purposes is stressed.—*Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine*.

Cecal Tumors.—According to Erdmann, carcinoma is the most frequent cecal tumor requiring surgical intervention. Lymphosarcoma is the most highly malignant tumor. Cecal carcinomas are slow growing and only moderately malignant. Secondary infection invades the tumor early and is the chief cause of the profound cachexia found in these cases. Distant metastases are rare in carcinoma of the cecum. Secondary intestinal growths are not uncommon and should always be sought for. A malignant tumor obstruction may simulate a chronic appendicitis.—*American Journal of Surgery*.